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## Men's Golf Tournament

• Men's 36-hole medal play at Whispering Willows and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20.  
• Entry fee is \$55, handicap maximum is 36.  
• Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.  
There will be a shotgun start on Saturday and Sunday morning. For pairings and starting times, call Whispering Willows at 476-4493 after noon Thursday, Sept. 17. Rain make-up dates are Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27. Tournament open to first 200 entries.

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• Pairings will be made by the tournament committee. No requests for individual pairings will be taken. No changes will be made.  
• Open to all residents of Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Westland, Redford Twp., Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Twp., Bloomfield Hills, Orchard Lake, Troy, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Walled Lake, Union Lake and Avon Twp.

By Mike Rosenbaum  
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Woodside Athletic Club entered the 31st annual Northwest Suburban Swim League meet as the four-time defending champion.

Despite that recent league-meet superiority, the Bloomfield Hills-based club did not enter this year's meet as an overwhelming favorite. The Sun Devils finished only 4-2 in their dual meet season, with losses to Beachwood Recreation Association of Troy and Heart of the Hills Swim Club of Rochester Hills.

Many thought this was the year Woodside could be dethroned even though it boasted the most swimmers of any team — a big advantage in a 52-event meet.

But after Saturday's preliminary, Woodside swimmers were seeded to win the meet by well over 100 points. Coach Darin Abbassé's swimmers didn't disappoint him, winning eight individual events and one relay to score 747 points, far ahead of second-place Beachwood, which finished with 619.5.

Abbassé, who was expecting a close meet prior to the preliminary,

said, "I can't explain why we were able to win by so much. It shocks me. It's a credit to the kids."

The meet, held in Southfield's Beech Woods Park, did provide an exciting battle for second through fourth places. After the 46 individual events, three teams were just 32.5 points apart. Beachwood won two of the six relays to take second place. Bloomfield Surf Club was third with 586 points, followed by Heart of the Hills at 575.

Beachwood coach George O'Brien, whose team finished fifth last year, was pleased with the Baracudas' improvement. Beachwood started slowly Sunday, "but they came through like troopers," he said. "We had kids here who really swam above what they thought they could do. All this week they were like a team on a mission."

Orchard Valley Swim Club was fifth with 538 points. Rounding out the top eight teams were Forest Hills Swim Club, Farmington Glen Aquatic Club and Pleasant Ridge Community Pool.

Twelve individual NSSL records were set Sunday, along with one re-

lay mark.

Woodside's Jenny Vanker and Forest Hills' Meredith McMahon set two records apiece. Vanker broke her own record in the 11-12 50 backstroke (32.03) and also set a mark in the 100 IM (1:05.38). McMahon also broke one of her own records, taking the 15-16 50 butterfly (32.46). She also broke the 50 backstroke record (31.33).

Brothers Mark and Matt Parrish of Beachwood each set a new record. Mark broke the 9-10 50 backstroke record (36.44), while Matt set his record in the 11-12 60 fly (30.23). In the latter event, former record-holder Hills also broke his own record, but his 30.52 was only good enough for second place.

Other record-setters included Carolyn Deighan of Forest Hills, in the 15-18 50 back (31.35), Chris Lutz of Heart of the Hills in the 7-8 25 free (16.11), Forest Hills' David Wilson in the 9-10 50 breast (38.47), Nicholas Duda of the Village Athletic Club in the 11-12 100 IM (1:08.71), Jamie Allhouse of Beachwood in the 15-18 100 free

(59.13) and Matt Pawlick of Bloomfield Surf Club in the 16-18 100 IM (1:00.93). Village's boys 200 52-and-under medley relay team also set a new mark (2:04.38).

In addition to Vanker and McMahon, 13 other swimmers were double-winners, including Allhouse plus Mark and Matt Parrish of Beachwood, Duda and Nathan Fisher from Village, Lutz and Allison Hischek from Heart of the Hills, Katie Sophie and Sarah Rinehart from Pleasant Ridge, Rafi Karapetian of Orchard Valley, Pawlick from Surf, Meredith Spiegel from Woodside and Deighan from Forest Hills.

How long will Woodside's reign continue? No one wanted to make any predictions following Sunday's meet. O'Brien just wanted his team to "enjoy this year. Their last swim of the year was their best."

Abbassé promised only that Woodside would "try to make it as a row." With Woodside losing only a few older swimmers next year, a 1993 victory shouldn't shock the Sun Devils' coach the way this year's triumph did.

## Fever prevails again

The South Farmington Fever is 3-for-3 in girls softball tournaments after the 14-and-under team won its third straight championship July 11 in Southgate.

The Fever went through the winners bracket with three consecutive wins, defeating the Clinton Valley Travelers in back-to-back games to claim the title.

South Farmington crushed the Clinton Valley Paychocs 22-9 in its first game as the Fever batted out 21 hits in the mercy-rule contest.

Diana Dickow, Chris Bako, Robin Neada and Jenny Mylinski had three hits each. Holly Foster and Bako hit home runs.

The Fever defense held Clinton Valley to seven hits while pitcher Alana Heikkinen picked up her second win of the season.

In the first game with the Travelers, South Farmington rallied from an 8-3 deficit with five runs in the sixth inning and scored the winning run in the seventh for a 9-8 victory.

A base hit by Foster, a triple by Tammy Dominick, hits by Dorene McLean and Heikkinen and a home run by Brooke Ayles accounted for the five runs needed to

tie. With one out in the bottom of the seventh, Bako hit a sharp liner to third, taking second when the ball got past a Clinton Valley fielder. Foster hit a line drive off the pitcher's glove into short left field, and Bako raced around to score the winning run.

Team defense and strong pitching from Jennifer Lis held the Travelers to seven hits. The Fever had 11 hits, including two each from Foster, Dominick, Heikkinen and Lis.

The Travelers survived the losers bracket to face South Farmington again, but the Fever was still hot and defeated a tiring Clinton Valley team 8-4.

Lis was the winning pitcher, and the offense outbatted the Travelers 15-6 as Bako, Dickow, Dominick, Mylinski, McLean and Ayles chipped in two hits each.

The Fever is 9-3 in the 14-and-under division and 17-7 overall in the tournament season. The next competition will be the state tournament in Sterling Heights, followed by a season-ending trip to the world tournament in Muncie, Ind.

## Blazers get top team

A dominating performance enabled the Michigan Blazers to post an easier-than-expected 4-0 victory over the Birmingham Cobras II in the opening round of the Great Lakes Men's Soccer League First Division playoffs, Sunday at Henry Ford Community College.

The Blazers will face the Redford Marauders, the league's No. 1 team during the regular season and a 2-1 victor last Sunday over the Dearborn International. That semifinal will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The other First Division semifinal matches the Ann Arbor Hatters, 4-2 overtime winners over Livonia Paragon, against Flint Bud Light, which beat Livonia Venom 4-0. That semifinal will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Bicentennial. The championship game will be at 4 p.m. Aug. 9 at Bicentennial.

The Blazers got two goals in each half in dispatching Cobras II. Jeff Petosky and Lamar Peters scored in the first half, and Scott Lamphear and Brian Thiel got second-half goals. Brian Sheehy was in the net for the shutout.

The Marauders were pressed in their narrow win over the eighth-place International, who took a 1-

0 lead on a goal from Mario Angotti 10 minutes into the game. The Marauders tied it on a Rob Ludwig score 20 minutes later, Lars Richters assisting, and got the game-winner from Jeff Goff just before halftime. Bobby Hayes assisted.

Despite a two-goal performance from Bobby Paul, Paragon couldn't knock off the Hatters Sunday at Fuller Park in Ann Arbor. Jim Lacey scored twice for the Hatters and Scott Seabolt netted one. The game's final score was an own-goal.

Bud Light advanced with a strong performance against Venom Sunday at Flint Atwood Stadium. Doug Konsig, Pete Crawley, Josh Landfield and Steve Burns each got goals for Bud Light. Curt Payment recorded the shutout.

In the GLMSL Third Division playoffs Sunday at Schoolcraft College, the North Oakland Blizzard blanked Box of Rain 4-0 and Zaccatessa edged Metro Mazda 1-0. Blizzard battles the Red Wings at 2 p.m. and Zaccatessa meets Plymouth Blast at 5 p.m. both Sunday at Bicentennial. The final will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 9 at Bicentennial.

## Mallon from page 1B

"It was tough for awhile because of the expectations placed on her," Paul Mallon said. "Some people think because she has not been in the winner's circle, she has been a disappointment, but she doesn't look at it that way at all. The people involved with golf know she's having a good year."

Mallon's success last year brought numerous honors, too. She recently received the Jim Thorpe Award as the Female Golfer Of The Year for 1991. Pat Bradley and Beth Danieli also were finalists for the award.

The Washington D.C. Touchdown Club named her the Female Athlete Of The Year, and she received the Sportswoman Of The Year Award from the Women's Sports Foundation.

Mallon also is among the leaders in the Solheim Standings, the women's equivalent of the Ryder Cup.

She will travel to Scotland in September with eight other members of the LPGA to play the top European.

At the outing, Mallon will either hit from the tee with each foursome or give a clinic.

The sponsorships are available for \$750 (two tickets) and \$1,500 (four tickets). Tickets are \$200 for one person and \$125 for just dinner. Ticket holders for the entire event are entitled to continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, buffet lunch, refreshments and dinner.

Archbishop Adam Malda is the honorary chairperson and will attend the dinner and possibly play golf, too. Pat Moran Oldemobile and Mel Farr Ford are donating a car for a hole-in-one contest.

Arrangements must be made to attend the event by Friday, Aug. 14. Interested parties should contact Monaghan at 476-8922.

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